

SENATE Fish & Game

COMMITTEE NO. 2

DATE 3/10/11

BILL NO. HB 361

Senate Fish & Game Committee

My name is Tim Terrell and I live in Frisco, Texas. Your new law is forcing me to hunt in other states. I was hunting in Roundup the Bull Mountains. I have annually spend a lot on goods and services in the Roundup area. This is a combination of buying food, drink and entertainment like golf. I purchase goods from the local hardware and stay at the local hotels. Please support HB-361; so that we can get back to enjoy your great state.

Tim Terrell
214.673.6606

To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is Leif Cefalo and I live at 8 Sunnyfield Rd in Bedford, Massachusetts 01730. I have been "trying" to hunt in Montana for several years and I must say between the increase in the Non-resident Big game license to \$912 and the reduced Archery tags for unit 410, I'm considering going elsewhere to Hunt. Elk Herds across the Breaks are at all time high levels and the tags are at all-time low levels. I do not understand? I hunt unit #410 and spend a lot of money in the local economy in Winnett, Roy and Lewistown. Your new regulations and restrictions are making it even more difficult for me to continue to apply in the State of Montana! I hope you will consider making some meaningful changes with non-resident license applications and INCREASE the archery elk tags in unit #410 !! Thanks
-You

Sincerely,

Leif Cefalo

Memo

To: Paul Ellis

From: Trent Mattick

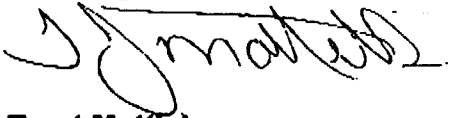
Date: 3/8/2011

Re: Coalition for the Responsible Management of Montana Fish & Wildlife

I wanted to say a few words regarding the present out of state hunting regulations in Montana. I am an archery hunter and hunt the CMR and have for many years. In those years we have brought much business to the struggling communities and state. There has always been many elk, in fact too many because there are extra cow tags available for certain units. So why would you restrict these licenses. I don't want to draw an elk permit only to not have a hope of drawing a license in the CMR. The point is that I see no wildlife management reason to so. A small group of locals who want the area for themselves lies at the root of the limited out of state permits. Why would the state of Montana allow local businesses and overall economy suffer at the hands of a few greedy local hunters.

Montana has long been the best place to hunt in the US for elk, but between the price of licenses and the remote odds of hunting in the CMR myself and the rest of my group are now making arrangements to hunt in other out of state friendly states that ensure the needs of all the people and the state are put ahead of a few greedy hunters.

Sincerely;



Trent Mattick

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To Whom It May Concern,

My Name is John Mulligan and I live at 1122 N. Watson Way Eagle, Idaho 83616. I have been hunting in Montana for several years and I must say between the increase in the Non-resident Big game license to \$912 and the reduced Archery tags for unit 410, I'm considering going elsewhere to Hunt. Elk Herds across the Breaks are at all time high levels and the tags are at all-time low levels. I do not understand? I hunt unit #410 and spend a lot of money in the local economy in Winnett, Roy and Lewistown. Your new regulations and restrictions are making it difficult for me to continue to hunt in the State of Montana! I hope you will consider making some meaningful changes with non-resident license applications and INCREASE the archery elk tags in unit #410 !! Thanks -You

Sincerely, John Mulligan

Too whom it May Concern,

My Name is Roe Cefalo and I live at 9595 West Pebble brook Lane in Boise, Idaho 83714; I have been hunting in Montana for several years and I must say between the increase in the Non-resident Big game license to \$912 and the reduced Archery tags for unit 410, I'm considering going elsewhere to Hunt!! Elk Herds across the Breaks are at all time high levels and the tags are at all-time low levels!! I do not understand! I take two weeks off from work to hunt unit #410 and spend a lot of money in the local economy in Winnett, Roy and Lewistown!! Your new regulations and restrictions are making it difficult for me to continue to hunt in the State of Montana!! I hope you will consider making some meaningful changes with non-resident license applications and INCREASE the archery elk tags in unit #410 !! Thanks -You

Sincerely, Roe Cefalo

HB 361 INTENT IS TO REPEAL ARCHERY ELK PERMITS TO THE 2007 LEVELS

2007 HUNTING REGULATIONS for the MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS & 22 HUNTING DISTRICTS

2007 Archery Elk Regulations for the Missouri River Breaks Hunting Districts were as follows:

Special Elk Permit. Apply or purchase by June 1. (You could purchase over the counter)

410-21(now named 410-15) Over the counter permits. ArchEquip only. Valid in HDs 410 and 417. Must apply as 1st and only choice. Sep 01 - Oct 14-Either Sex Elk. Archery Only Season.

417-21(now named 410-15) Over the counter permits. ArchEquip only. Valid in HDs 410 and 417. Must apply as 1st and only choice. Sep 01 - Oct 14-Either Sex Elk. Archery Only Season.

Special Elk Permit. Apply or purchase by June 1. (You could purchase over the counter)

620-21(now named 620-15) Over the counter permits. ArchEquip only. Valid in HDs 620, 621 & 622. Must apply as 1st and only choice.

Sep 01 - Oct 14-Either Sex Elk. Archery Only Season.

Public access to elk in HD 700 is limited and difficult.

Special Elk Permit. Apply or purchase by June 1. (You could purchase over the counter)

700-20(now named 798-15) Over the counter permits. ArchEquip only. Valid in HDs 700 & 701. May apply as 1st, 2nd or 3rd choice. Sep 01 - Oct 14-Either Sex Elk. Archery Only Season.

Keep in mind that even though they required hunters to apply for one of these permits, the permits were unlimited, which means that everyone that put in for one of these permits was guaranteed to draw the permit.

NOTE: that once you drew one of these HDs, you were able to hunt any of the General Elk HDs which included most of the state. Unlike the current system, you can only hunt the HD that you were able to draw for the Missouri River Breaks or the 22 HDs, plus any General Elk HD

THE 22 HUNTING DISTRICTS OUTSIDE THE MISSOURI RIVER BREAKS ARCHERY ELK HUNTING DISTRICTS

2007 Archery Elk Regulations for the 22 Hunting Districts were as follows:

General Elk License.

- Sep 01 - Oct 14 -Either-sex Elk. Archery Only Season- In 2008 the FWP combined the 22 HDs into 8 separate HDs as follows:

401-15 (HDs 401, 403, 441, 450)

411-15 (HDs 411, 412, 426, 511, 530)

420-15 (HDs 420, 447, 455)

500-15 (HDs 500, 570)

502-15 (HDS 502,510,520, 575)

580-15 (HD 580)

590-15 (HDs 590, part 701)

799-15 (HDs 702, 704, 705)

Note that prior to 2008 the 22 HDs were all listed in the Regulations separated and all were classified as General Elk License which means a permit wasn't required to archery hunt in these HDs. Since, there wasn't any permits required to hunt these HDs prior to 2008, the FWP had to establish the number of hunters that were actually archery hunting these HDs. To establish a number, the FWP implemented unlimited permits for these HDs in 2008 & 2009. They had to establish a number so they could start to reduce permit numbers in 2010, and reduce permits they did (733 residents and 477 nonresidents).

**2009 ECONOMIC IMPACT as a RESULT of ARCHERY ELK PERMIT REDUCTIONS for the MISSOURI RIVER
BREAKS HUNTING DISTRICTS**

Hunting Districts	Total loss of resident hunting opportunities*	Economic loss to local areas due to lost resident hunting**	Total loss of NR hunting opportunities*	Economic loss to local areas due to lost non-resident hunting**	FWP Estimated % of Population Objective
410-15	0	0	346	\$ 987,599	At
620-15	247	\$171, 719	581	\$1, 658,367	Over
798-15	0	0	44	\$ 125,591	Over
Total	247	\$171, 719	971	\$2,771,557	
Total lost resident-NR hunting opportunities for 2009	1,218		Total Economic loss to Missouri River Breaks Area for 2009	\$2,943,276	

*Assumes that all unsuccessful applicants would have hunted if they had drawn permits.

**Used FWP estimates of resident & nonresident days afield and money spent per day.

**2010 ECONOMIC IMPACT as a RESULT of ARCHERY ELK PERMIT REDUCTIONS for the MISSOURI RIVER
BREAKS HUNTING DISTRICTS & 22 HUNTING DISTRICTS**

Hunting Districts	Total Loss of Resident Hunting Opportunities*	Economic Loss to Local Areas Due to Lost Resident Hunting Opportunities**	Total Loss of Nonresident Hunting Opportunities*	Economic Loss to Local Areas Due to the Loss of Nonresident Hunting Opportunities**	FWP Est. % of Population Objective
Breaks HDs					
410-15	384	\$270,204	546	\$1,558,465	At
620-15	282	\$198,431	475	\$1,355,808	Over
798-15	121	\$85,142	371	\$1,058,957	Over
22 HDs					
401-15	15	\$10,555	0	\$0	At
411-15	152	\$106,956	151	\$436,249	Over
420-15	311	\$218,837	50	\$144,453	At
500-15	16	\$11,258	4	\$11,556	At
502-15	83	\$58,403	6	\$17,334	Over
580-15	27	\$18,999	8	\$23,113	Over
590-15	0	\$0	78	\$225,347	Over
799-15	129	\$90,772	180	\$520,032	Over
Total	1,520	\$1,069,557	1,869	\$5,351,314	
	Total Loss of Hunting Opportunities Resident-NR 2010	3,389	Total Economic Loss to Both Areas for Resident-NR 2010	\$6,420,871	
	Total Loss of Hunter Opportunities Resident-NR for 2009 -10	4,607	Total Economic Loss to All HD's for 2009-10	\$9,364,147.	

*Assumes that all unsuccessful applicants would have hunted if they had drawn permits.

**Used FWP estimates of resident & nonresident days afield and money spent per day.